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Applicants	:	Barany et al.	)	Examiner:
Serial No.	:	Continuation of 09/440,523	)	To Be Assigned
Filed	:	Herewith	)	Art Unit:
For	:	DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID	)	To Be Assigned
		SEQUENCE DIFFERENCES USING	)	
		COUPLED LIGASE DETECTION AND	)	
		POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTIONS	)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**Box: Patent Application**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, lines 2-3, please revise the paragraph to read as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/440,523, filed November 15, 1999, allowed, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,473, filed May 28, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,027,889, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/018,532, filed May 29, 1996.

In the Claims:

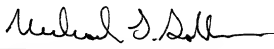
Please cancel claims 11-28 and 35-50.

**REMARKS**

The changes to the specification resulting from the above amendments are shown in attached Appendix A.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Appendix A

### Version of Amended Claims With Markings to Show Changes Made

In reference to the amendments made herein to the specification, additions appear as underlined text, while deletions appear as bracketed text, as indicated below:

#### In the Specification:

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